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MNR gives green light to asphalt plant in Irondale

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After more than a year of deliberation the Ministry of Natural Resources is paving the way for an asphalt plant in Haliburton County.

In an interview with the *Echo* last week MNR Area Supervisor Bill Hutson said the ministry has given approval to Royel Paving Limited of Lindsay to set up a portable hot-mix asphalt plant at the Bark Lake quarry near Irondale. The approval is for a conditional five-year term.

While the proposal has now been given a green light by the MNR, Hutson said the company still needs to get a certificate of approval from the Ministry of Environment – a process that requires the proposal to be posted on the environmental registry and subject to public scrutiny.

"It's a totally separate process and totally removed from us. Basically, what we have given is location approval. Things like air emissions and air quality protection still have to be approved by the MOE," he said.

Nevertheless, detractors argue that gaining the MNR's approval is a giant step forward for the proposal, and it's a decision that has a number of local residents up in arms.

Al Eppich, an Irondale cottager and member of the Irondale River Protection Association, reacted to the decision with

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A pair of jackrabbits

Eric Wooten (left) and Lauren Urquhart (right) enjoy an afternoon of cross-country skiing on Saturday at Haliburton's Glebe Park as part of the Jackrabbit ski lessons for children ages four to 12. For more photos from the event see page 12.

Sawmill proposal could lead to new jobs

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Peter Schleifenbaum wants to build his own sustainable sawmill at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

He met with Dysart council's planning committee last month to ask for approval in principle and a rezoning permit.

While deputy-reeve Bill Davis said that he would have a hard time turning down a project that created jobs in Haliburton County Schleifenbaum doesn't yet know how to read councillors' reactions.

"I don't know what they're going to decide. Obviously we need to provide them with more information. They're concerned about the site plan, they're concerned about noise, and they're concerned about emissions and the viewscape.

"I'm a little bit disappointed," he said of council's reaction. "I think it fits within the fabric of the community and creates jobs. I expected a more positive response."

Schleifenbaum expects there to be initially 10 to 12 jobs and likely more to come.

He says there will always be issues that need to be addressed but, overall, he thinks industries need to be welcomed.

Schleifenbaum says the proposed sawmill would not be huge and that its sole purpose would be processing timber from Haliburton Forest. And as for an environmentally-friendly business, this is it.

"This is the ultimate. I mean, when we talk about wood it is the only environmentally-friendly product that we have on this planet. Wood is a sustainable resource and it's carbon neutral, so the more we use in our daily life the better.

"And then the next part of the proposal is to use the waste from the mill to create some bio-energy."

Council has asked Schleifenbaum for more information. He is hoping to meet with surveyor Paul Wilson and provide council with the necessary information to get the ball rolling. It is his hope to have the planning done over the winter to have things in place for the spring.

Another aspect of the project is the possibility of wind turbines.

"We're still in the measuring stage and the final verdict hasn't been reached on that one," said Schleifenbaum. "But, yes, there is potential in the future for some wind development. It's green energy and it's something the rest of the world is embracing, so if we could bring that to Haliburton that would be great."

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Company satisfied all requirements, MNR says

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frustration and dismay. Alongside fellow cottagers and local residents Eppich has fought the proposal for more than a year and said the decision has left him questioning the democratic process.

One of Eppich's key concerns is the company's and ministry's misleading use of the word "portable." While the plant is portable in the sense that it will remain on wheels, Eppich charges that the plant is permanent in that it will likely not leave the site for its five-year term. That, said Eppich, makes it a precedent-setting decision as the first-ever permanent asphalt plant on Crown land in Ontario.

"The implication of portable is that you wheel it in and then wheel it out," said Eppich in a telephone interview, "not something that will be there for five years."

"Also, if you go to the provincial policy statement and look up 'portable asphalt plant' it says clearly that the plant must be removed upon the completion of the construction project. If [Hutson] insists that it is portable, then I'd like to know which specific construction project it is providing asphalt for."

Despite Eppich's assertion that the plant should be labelled permanent, not portable, Hutson said the MNR stands by its classification.

"It's not a permanent plant - it's portable, and it's conditional for five years," he said. "It's a hot-mix

asphalt plant that is designed to be portable; it can be moved from place to place, and the company has indicated they may want to do that."

If the company does choose to move the plant for any temporary contracts it will have to get another certificate of approval from the MOE, he added.

Hutson also said the approval was not precedent-setting, given that there are a number of industrial projects - both temporary and permanent - on Crown land throughout the province. He cited industrial areas along the shores of the Great Lakes, including large operations in the City of Hamilton.

"We just don't think of it because it's all built up there - we assume it's private land," he said.

Other areas of concern for local residents, said Eppich, include increased truck traffic on municipal and county roads, the threat to a number of species at risk known to live in the nearby area, and source water protection.

However, over the past year, Hutson said Royel Paving has undertaken a number of studies to address all of those concerns, all of which were raised during the public consultation phase, and lessen its impact on the natural environment as much as possible.

"[The company] went the extra mile as far as work they did around the site to mitigate any impacts," he said. "The company did hydrological reports and they were examined by our technical people. No adverse effects were found on ground or surface water through the operation of the asphalt plant, basically because it doesn't use water."

"We had the company undertake a traffic impact study, which was done in 2006 and reviewed by Haliburton County," he added. "They found that the roads were adequate and were built to anticipate that traffic volume."

But that explanation, said Eppich, doesn't address

the crux of the debate, which revolved around whether increased traffic and industrial activity would have adverse effects on a tranquil tourist area such as Irondale.

"The argument was never about whether the highway was designed for truck traffic of that size or volume, it was about the resulting noise and disruption from the traffic," said Eppich.

"People have the right to enjoy their properties. All of these people will have been there long before the asphalt plant, and they are there specifically to enjoy the solitude of a natural environment."

In terms of species at risk, Hutson said several were found nearby but none on the immediate site, which is why the proposal was able to move forward.

"There were some around the location, but the company has agreed that they will monitor the site and have agreed to take some training from us on how to look for any identified species in the area and what steps to take if they come across any."

Again, that explanation is not satisfactory for Eppich.

"These are people who are occupied with manufacturing asphalt and guiding trucks in and out. How are these people going to be on the lookout for endangered species?" he said. "And, for that matter, if there are endangered species in the area, then why is an asphalt plant going into the area in the first place?"

Hutson said the MNR's role in the process has come to an end with the signing of the site plan agreement. While it was admittedly a long and arduous process, Hutson said a team of MNR specialists made the decision because all requirements were satisfied, even if public opinion is still against the asphalt plant.

"Any relevant concerns were looked at and taken into consideration," he said. "But it's hard to keep everyone happy in a situation like this. Comments like 'It's better located in an industrialized area' are comments that we look at, but how do you take those into consideration when it's just one person's opinion? Those people are just philosophically against it... It's hard to mitigate that."

However, Hutson said the public can take solace in the fact that, if the plant is given a certificate of approval from the MOE, both ministries will continue to monitor the site "routinely" throughout the five-year term, in order to ensure it is meeting provincial standards.

Even still, Eppich said he won't accept the MNR's decision - or its justifications - without a fight. In particular, he said, the question still burning in his mind is why such an operation is needed in an area revered for its natural beauty.

"There has never been any attempt to justify why this plant needs to be at this location in terms of demand," he said. "But what we're looking for is the government to be honest and forthright in the accusations against them. What definition of portable are they using? What happened to the species at risk? And what happened to the government's emphasis on source water protection?"

"For me, it's not over," he concludes. "There are still far too many unanswered questions."

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REMEMBERING A JAZZ LEGEND

- Story and photo by Martha Perkins -

Canadian jazz icon and former Haliburton County cottager Oscar Peterson passed away at his Mississauga home on December 23. Below is a feature, first written by Editor Martha Perkins in 1994, that touches on Peterson's life and why he won't be forgotten anytime soon.

HE GREW UP WHEN JAZZ was in its rebellious youth, turned up the heat in those steamy days of the 1940s and '50s, and then became one of the people who masterfully coaxed jazz into maturity. In doing so, he helped give jazz the vitality it needed to outlive Elvis Presley, the Beatles and Madonna.

Right now, he's walking slowly into the room.

Oscar Peterson the man is almost as large as Oscar Peterson the legend, the pianist who has been called one of the world's greatest living jazz musicians. After last year's stroke, he moves even more carefully than he did when he just had chronic arthritis to deal with. Yet his step is dignified, his back is straight and you sense what an effort this has been only when he settles into his wheelchair. Dressed in a richly-coloured sweater, he melds into the hues of his livingroom - Ellington blue and Peterson purple. Cool and warm at the same time, just like jazz. And just as eclectic.

He seems to fill the room, not only because of his size, but because of the air of expectancy that surrounds him. Whether it's Carnegie Hall, where he first stunned audiences in 1949, or his living room in Mississauga, where he sits quietly beside his electric keyboard today, Oscar Peterson commands your attention. He plays the piano, you listen, you don't just hear. He speaks, you listen. He shares his stories, and you marvel.

As Canadians, it's almost as if we had to wait for all the "greats" in jazz to embrace Peterson before we realized that he could be Canadian and one of the greats, too. All told, there are more than 70 recordings with Oscar Peterson's name on them.

Through all of this, his years in Haliburton almost went unnoticed. From 1964 to 1991, the Petersons spent part of their summers on Straggle Lake in Harcourt Park. Here, Peterson did not want to be the world-famous jazz pianist. In Haliburton, he could be the tinkerer, the fisherman, the family man. Even when he composed some of his music in a small room built onto the cottage, he kept his

window shut in deference to his neighbours. "I didn't want to bother anybody. I wasn't sure if they were jazz fans."

He was introduced to Harcourt Park by his friend, trombonist Butch Watanabe, whose cottage was next door. In Gene Lees' biography, *Oscar Peterson, The Will to Swing*, Mr. Watanabe remembers those early years. "The roads were terrible, all mud and gravel. We used to go up there on weekends and stay in tents. The [Panabode] is built of British Columbia cedar logs, with interlocking sides. It took us a week or two at most to put the shell up."

Peterson would continue to work on the cottage, enjoying using his hands to build something concrete instead of ephemeral. The cottage became an escape, a refuge, a place to restore his spirits after hard months of living on the road and sweating out his music. "It was complete calm," he says. "It was like using an eraser and clearing everything off. It used to help me get my mind back together again. After a few weeks up there I'd be ready to go back and face the night clubs."

It wasn't long before an electronic keyboard made its way to Straggle Lake. After spending the day making signs for the residents' association or trying to lure fish to his boat, he would withdraw into his miniature studio and write. Several of his recordings have their roots on this Highlands shore.

"I'm a lover of the dusk part of the day, just around 6:30 until 8:30 or 9. I used to go in there around that time and do a fair amount of work... It's a place where you could put everything to rest and really get into whatever you were doing."

In 1991 Peterson regretfully decided to give up his Highlands home. Both hips had been replaced because of arthritis, and even though a friend had installed a lift down to the lake, the rocky ground wasn't easy to traverse. As well, the four-hour drive between home and cottage was beginning to wear on him. And yet it was hard to say goodbye to a place which was home to some of his most contented memories. "It's a treasured place in my life."

At first quiet and subdued, Peterson gradually reveals his passion for music. It's as if jazz is as vital to his being as the air he breathes. "I play piano, therefore I am." In his early years, it was a desire to please his father that pushed him towards perfection; today it's his need to be back playing the piano after



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Famous jazz musician Oscar Peterson died at his Mississauga home on December 23 at the age of 82. Peterson, who once cottaged on Big Straggle Lake, is remembered by many in the Harcourt area to this day for his smiling demeanour and jovial spirit.

the stroke. Towards the end of the interview, there's a brief glimpse of the profound pain he suffered when he couldn't move his left hand. It wasn't so much a physical pain as a psychological one. "I had my bad moments," he admits. "It was pretty hard on (my wife) Kelly."

He remembers being downstairs in his studio with his physiotherapist. She asked me to play a simple ballad and he couldn't. "It destroyed me."

Suddenly, the interview is interrupted by a small voice which floats out from the intercom. "You're in trouble..." the voice says.

Peterson giggles. "Who's in trouble?"

"You, you, you are in trouble."

"Why?"

"Because you forgot your pill."

"Oh oh. You can bring it down for me, okay?"

A few minutes later, the voice comes into the room in the form of his three-year-old daughter, Celine. She hides behind his chair before peering out, the pill about to be delivered. After disappearing into the kitchen with her mother, she reappears to give her father a kiss before leaving for swimming lessons. There's a youthful joy which transforms Peterson as he delights in his daughter's presence. It wasn't like this when O.J. was little. O.J. is one of the

four children from Peterson's first marriage, and there were sometimes bitter tears when the swimming lessons and birthday parties were missed because Dad was on the road. (He also has a teen-aged son from his third marriage.)

Peterson says, "If I knew then what I know now, I probably would not have been a father until I was at least 40-some-odd. I wasn't equipped to be the kind of father I should have been. There were too many obstacles in my way - trying to make a living, trying to be successful. Whereas a little later on your values change and you start to see things a little more clearly. So I think I'm a better father now than I was when I had O.J. - don't say anything," he laughs, turning to his son.

Father-son relationships were never easy in the Peterson household.

Oscar's father, Daniel, was born in the West Indies, and although he had musical talent, it was never allowed to blossom. Instead, when he and his wife Kathleen started raising their family in Montreal, the only job open to a black man was as a porter on the railway. You couldn't even have any other type of job on the train; black men had to be porters, staying up 18 hours a day to fulfill passengers' needs.

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Puppy survives 18 days in Haliburton Forest

Against all odds an 8-month-old puppy survived alone in Haliburton forest with only her animal instincts

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Monkey Primavera had a couple of rough months before a happy ending to 2007; the 8-month-old mixed hound puppy went missing in Haliburton Forest and was found 18 days later, thin and weak, but alive.

"She was glad to see us," says Monkey's owner Phil Primavera near Kenisis Lake. "But she wasn't wagging her tail like she used to."

Primavera explained that Monkey's affection towards people would get her excited to the point that the small black and brown dog would wag her tail so hard she'd lose her balance and fall over.

On November 18, 2007, a friend of Primavera's asked to take the dogs for a walk; five dogs to be exact. Of course, replied Primavera; after all, dogs are always in want and need of exercise and, since he was working that day at Haliburton Forest, he was unable to walk the dogs.

Like most dogs, Monkey was no different—she loves going for walks in the forest. Primavera and his roommate and co-worker Chris Godwin recall a Monkey memory.

"She showed off her running and jumping skills, retrieving sticks as they were thrown, and sometimes managing to bring back the same stick you threw," wrote Godwin and Primavera in a letter to the *Echo*.

As the hours passed, Monkey and the friend had not returned and it was getting late, so Primavera decided to head to the area where his friends was walking the dogs near Black Lake.

He caught up with the friend who had the unfortunate duty of informing Phil that one of the pups, Monkey, was missing. It was at around 6 p.m. when he realized his dog was missing and the only thing he and the friend could figure was that the animal was tossed from the back of the truck or that she jumped out to chase another animal.

What came next was a small search party conducted by the staff of the forest. For about four hours staff searched and called for Monkey in the area where she was believed to have gone missing. People looked in shifts for Monkey but the search yield-



This is Monkey. She was lost in Haliburton Forest for 18 days before she was found. Monkey came from a family whose kids gave her the name, for no apparent reason, and her owner Phil Primavera liked it enough to keep it. (Photo submitted by Phil Primavera.)

ed no sign of her. The 44-pound pooch would sleep alone that night, and for 16 more, during nights when the county was hit by the early snowstorms.

Monkey was lost on the east side of the forest and because life doesn't stop for such real life occurrences, Phil and the staff worked with what they had. This time of year part of work consists of training the dogsleding dogs. The training usually occurs on the west side of the forest but for any hope of finding Monkey the headed to the east side to see if they could spot her or any perhaps here tracks.

"We would look for her while we worked," says Primavera.

As the days passed some had accepted that death was imminent for the poor puppy. Phil and Chris weren't giving up.

"Hope for her return all but dwindled into a small spark held

by those who knew her the best," said the young men.

The efforts of the young men and the staff at Haliburton Forest never faded, even though Monkey's odds of survival weakened with each passing day.

At one point during her disappearance Phil had seen an animal of some kind. After spotting what he thought could have been Monkey, he was in hot pursuit. But the chase ended in disappointment, as Primavera is quite certain that Monkey could not have jumped over a six-foot wall where the tracks had ended. He surmised he'd been chasing a fox.

The hours turned into days and the days turned into weeks, and there was still no sign of Monkey. But on December 5, 2007, 18 days after she went missing, Primavera was at work

Wednesday when he heard a crackle over the Citizens Band radio.

When the radio crackled with news that a small black and brown dog wearing a blue collar had been found everyone's ears perked up like a dog's would if offered a treat or to go for a walk.

"I dashed as fast as I could to respond," says Phil.

Monkey was found, and eventually coaxed to safety by trail groomer Russell Morrison who followed the dog with the groomer until she was exhausted because Monkey had reached the point of being scared of humans.

"He followed her until she was too tired and threw her a couple of pepperettes and picked her up and put her inside the groomer," Phil says.

How Monkey survived in the forest alone for 18 days is some-

thing that the young men can't believe. And why she did not come when called, Phil figures that she was likely spooked by the ordeal. She simply survived on her animal instincts, eating whatever she could find and drinking from creeks and lakes.

"I was surprised," said Phil. "We've had hunting dogs gone for that long, but a puppy? And some nights were -20. It's quite weird."

On seeing Monkey for the first time, Phil was obviously shocked.

"She was a bone rack," he said. "She lost 8 lbs, which is quite a bit of her body weight. Her hips were sticking out and she had zero energy."

"With hunger and exhaustion in her eyes she still managed to wag her tail and nudge me with her dry nose. Too often one does not get a second chance with those they lose. If a small, starved puppy can manage a kiss, I'm sure we all can do much more than that for those we love."

For the many searches conducted by the forest staff Primavera is grateful.

"I want to thank everybody at Haliburton Forest that helped look for Monkey," says Phil.

The dog immediately went to the vet clinic and after being prescribed some stomach pills and some weight gain food, Monkey is back to her playful self.

Primavera describes Monkey as a good dog, one who has never had to go on a leash. And after her 18 days in the elements Monkey isn't wandering far from her owner.

"If only she could talk, she would have some stories," he said.

In dedication to Monkey, hands down the toughest puppy in the world Chris Godwin has written "She could".

They said she could not define true beauty,

She could.

They said she couldn't love unconditionally,

She did.

They said she couldn't defy all odds,

She would.

They said it's late, time to stop looking,

I couldn't

They said they thought she was done for,

I didn't.

They said to forget about her,

I wouldn't.

They say that they can't believe she made it,

I can.

They say 'thank god' she made it,

I did.

They say hold her tight every chance you get,

I will.

Overcoming intellectual disabilities

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Shelley King is hoping to bridge the gap.

Through a new program called "Our Town," King – a facilitator and graduate of Fleming's Expressive Arts program – is reaching out to people with intellectual disabilities and encouraging them to give input into the decisions that shape their lives.

This coming Thursday, January 10, King will hold the first in a series of meetings designed to bring together adults who have an intellectual disability, as well as those who work with, support, or live with an adult with an intellectual disability. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church.

King says the focus of the meeting is to encourage and foster "self-advocacy" amongst those with intellectual disabilities. Self-advocacy, she says, is about speaking out for ourselves, understanding our rights, making real choices, and learning new skills.

"People with intellectual disabilities tend to be a very marginalized group of people," King says. "Because they tend to rely on other people for support in one way or another, decisions are often being made on their behalf, sometimes without consulting them or without them having any choice."

It's a societal trend that King says needs to change. People with intellectual disabilities often want to learn how to speak up for themselves and make their own choices, and self-advocacy is one of the best ways they can work together to change things.

For the first meeting King says she is hoping for a large turnout, and anticipates a wide variety of participants with diverse backgrounds and skill sets.

While the program is supported in principle by Community Living and funded through a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, King says the focus group will be made up of a much larger audience. The program is open to any adult with an intellectual disability over the age of 17, so it may include high school students and other individuals who are not clients of Community Living.

Once information is gathered and the group has identified their primary concerns King says the program will then move into its second phase, which will include workshops aimed at teaching skill sets. Of course, it's up to them to decide just what skills they feel they need.

"The direction really has to come from the group itself. This is about what they want and what they need. That's part of self-advocacy, and it's really important that we respect that," says King.

"This is a wonderful group of people. They don't judge and they accept people for who they are. In turn, it's very important that they are accepted for who they are and recognized for their strengths. That way they can build upon them and become contributing members of our community," she says. "In the end, this is just about making our community a stronger place."

Peterson found freedom in jazz

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Daniel Peterson didn't want his son to be a porter. The only other avenue was music, but he made it clear that his son couldn't be any musician, he had to be the best. (His strict demands stifled his daughter Daisy, whom Peterson says was a better musician. It was Daisy who helped him with his piano and forced him to learn to read music.)

It is easy to forget the racism that black musicians had to face in North America. When they toured Europe they were treated like royalty but back at home, the black musicians couldn't stay in the same hotels as white musicians (once they were even allowed to play with white musicians), radio announcers were condescending and tours to the South could be life threatening. Norman Granz's Jazz at the Philharmonic, which Oscar Peterson joined in 1950, played a key role in breaking down barriers. Peterson is effusive when he talks about Granz's contribution to the fight against racism.

In the CBC radio documentary, "In the Key of Oscar," Peterson recounts some chilling stories. When he was starting his career in the Alberta Lounge in Montreal, a man came to listen to him for two weeks every year. It was how he spent his holidays. One day he was introduced to young Oscar backstage. Oscar held out his hand, but the man said "I love your music but I will never shake hands with a nigger."

On a Jazz at the Philharmonic tour through the Midwest, Peterson, Granz and Ella Fitzgerald were about to get into a taxi when a policeman stopped them. Pointing his gun at Granz, the policeman forbade the white man from getting into the same taxi as two blacks. Fitzgerald, the doyenne of jazz singers, was terrified but Granz got in anyway.

"We have a saying in jazz – I feel a draft," Peterson says in the *Echo* interview. "I remember eating with Roy Eldridge and he said 'Have you eaten in this restaurant before? I feel a draft.' Duke didn't want to recognize racism. Count Basie, he'd boil inside."

Peterson made the headlines when he complained that a barber in Hamilton refused to cut his hair. Later, there was talk of a neighbourhood petition against the Petersons when they bought a house in Scarborough. When he bought the cottage in Haliburton, a real estate agent asked

his white neighbours if they would mind living next door to a black man.

Racism deeply scarred Peterson. His prowess had made him one of the most sought after piano players in the world but he was subjected to the same belittling behaviour that his father faced as a porter. He had worked so hard, sacrificed so much to get where he was, and yet some people continued to see only the colour of his skin.

It's for this reason that he gets angry at today's young blacks. Black musicians of Louis Armstrong's and Oscar Peterson's generation had to fight incredible odds to have their music heard, to have them accepted as musicians. And yet young blacks prefer to listen to rap music. (Asked what he thinks of rap, Peterson frowns. Almost inaudibly, he mutters, "It should have a c in front of it.")

"One of the things they don't realize is that as blacks, they've sold out part of their heritage by not supporting jazz," he says. "The younger generation is being robbed and denied a great culture... It's like going out to a five-star restaurant and ordering cereal."

Asked how he'd like to see jazz evolve, Peterson says, "With honesty. I'd like jazz to go back to its roots and look at people like Ellington and Basie, Waller and Tatum and Nat King Cole, and rejuvenate themselves that way, with honesty. You can't rejuvenate yourself with honesty if you're going to take what's popular today and mix it with this and that. It's not going to work...."

"I don't think jazz will ever die. There are pessimists today who say it's all over, it's finished. At one time I said that myself, but I think that was more anger at what is going on. But I really believe that jazz will survive all of this...."

"There's a freedom in jazz, a spontaneity. Jazz players from the word go are composers because it's improvisational. You not only play the music, you give your own version of it. You put your personality into each performance and each piece. It's a matter of expressing yourself by going out and taking a chance and re-writing something on the spur of the moment and saying what you want to say."

For more than half a century, Oscar Peterson has said what he wanted to say, and audiences around the world have listened to every word.

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Protecting what we've got

NEWs THAT THE proposed asphalt plant in Irondale has received a tentative go-ahead from the MNR is sure to raise the ire of a good many in the county. Especially alongside news that Bancroft Uranium Inc. is looking at uranium mining in Highlands East, the greater Haliburton County community is facing two large development proposals at the same time.

It serves to highlight ongoing dilemmas that are not specific to this area, but to much of rural Ontario. We are desperate for jobs, the winter economy is sluggish at best and we need large employers to support the small population we have.

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editorial

jenn watt

But at the same time, Haliburton County is known throughout the province for the industry it already has – tourism – because it is an environmentally beautiful, natural place to experience. Introducing industry that could jeopardize that risks all that we currently have. We also don't know whether the promises of these larger projects will stay long enough to sustain growth and whether they will keep their promises to leave our environment untouched.

Skepticism about whether uranium mining and asphalt production are safe is not only a healthy reaction, but essential in protecting ourselves, our families and our environment from irreversible harm.

The very last thing this county needs is to rush into either project without being careful of the fallout: something that can never be taken back.

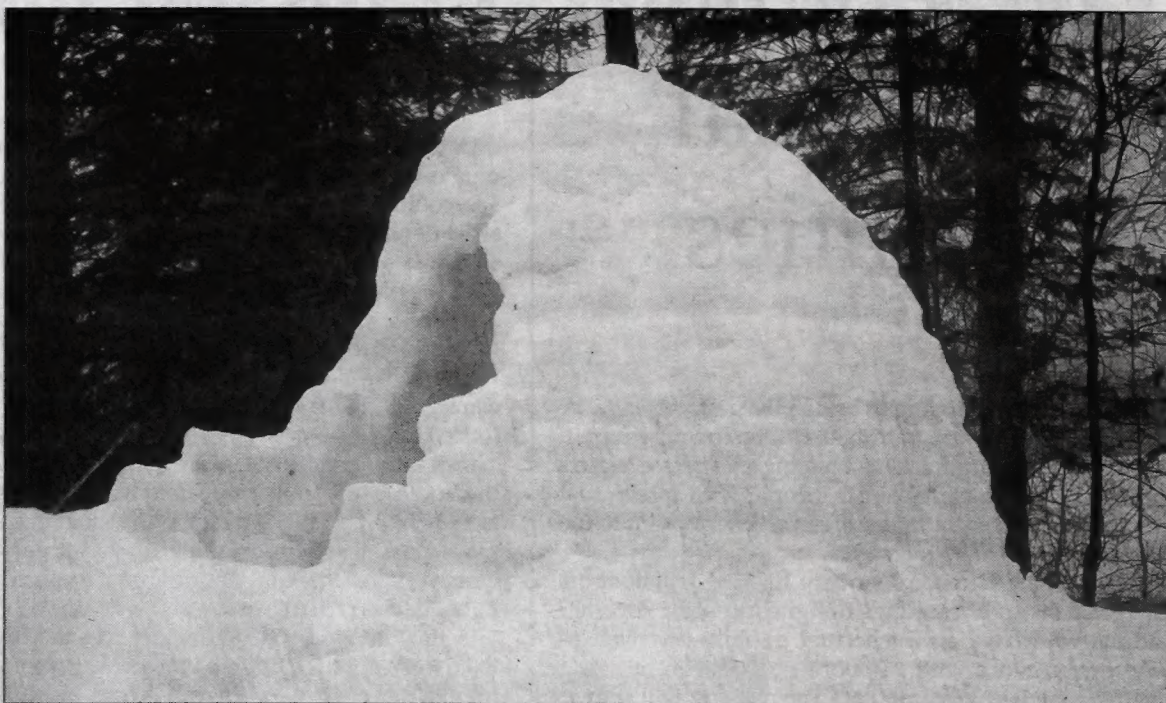
While we weigh the benefits and costs of industry for our communities – many who are living in poverty – we also have to think about the costs could be of contaminated water and food sources. It doesn't take long for a poisoned river to affect the meals on our dinner tables.

These are the things that detractors of both projects are worried about and should be taken very seriously by all.

Perhaps the scariest part of both industry proposals is that there hasn't been a lot of dialogue between the companies and communities. It actually seems that both will move ahead no matter what the residents in the area want.

People posture on both sides saying what they think is right for Haliburton, but are there open forums for these people to meet each other, present their evidence and listen openly to one another? And if there was a forum, would it matter or would the projects go ahead unchecked?

Probably the most frightening common thread between these two projects is that pesky feeling that it may not matter what any of us think, both projects are going ahead regardless. Now that's something to worry about.



A winter retreat?

Photo by MATT JAMES/ECHO

Cost of convenience

IFIGURE THAT FOR MY AGE, I'm fairly competent with the workings of the computer. I have tried to move with the times and I can do all kinds of neat things online. I can pay my bills. I find this so incredibly convenient that I'm even signing up for Epost so I can also receive all my bills online. No paper. Save the forest. All the good things. And so far it's been a very interesting experience. They have sent me a big welcome to Epost e-mail and have told me all about how smart I am, and how "with it" I am, and how simple I've made my life.

But the thing that I really love about Epost is that it doesn't send me any bills. None. Now this is convenient. I guess they're saving them up so that I won't have to bother paying them until they reach a point where lawyers and bill collectors start lining up at my door.

Another convenience that is starting to add up financially is the cost of having my mail delivered, or in this case, the cost of having it NOT delivered because the snow plow deposits my mailbox under three feet of snow each time we have a blizzard, which has been almost every other day this year. It never hits the other mailboxes, just mine. It usually takes me a few days to find it, and this means the post office has to hold my mail, which costs some dough, which I understand. I just hope these two government bodies are not working to improve the bottom line, as it were.

Another convenience that seemed like a good idea, is the new two-passenger fast lane on Highway 404 going into the city.

If you haven't been down there lately, which is making more and more sense every day, then you might not be familiar with this new feature. It works like this: if you have one or more passengers

in your car, you're entitled to travel in this special fast lane instead of in the grip of the bumper-to-bumper lanes that are usually moving along like a snail. I say "usually" because there are times when the ordinary lanes are moving along quite nicely. If you feel that 140 km/hr is nice.

And this is when the new fast lane becomes a bit of a problem. The folks who travel in the fast lane feel that they have the right to travel faster than the folks in the slow lanes, come hell or high water. So if the slow lanes are moving at 140 kms, the people

in the fast lane put their foot down, and go steaming into the city at somewhere around 160; and, the way I see it, nothing in the city is worth getting there that fast.

OK, just one more convenience that I think we can do without.

Her name is Emily and she can be found on the telephone if you ever need to contact the phone company. She will try to understand what you are saying, and then put you through to the party that will – and I quote – "provide you with excellent service."

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Is it possible that things are becoming too convenient?



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Out on the ice

TO MOST ANGLERS, winter means ice fishing. With that in mind, let's review some important safety rules that we should all be aware of.

The most important one is never trust any ice, especially early and late in the season, or anytime you are on unfamiliar water.

It doesn't matter if a snowmobile just rode the path ahead; it's probably going at a higher speed, and its load is spread over the length of the machine. Nor does it matter that someone told you that the ice was good there yesterday; there might be miscommunication about exactly where he was talking about or conditions might be treacherous on the route to that spot. Nor does ice thickness on other lakes have any bearing – each water body has different factors that affect ice production; depth, snow covering, inflow and outflow, to name a few. At best, similar lakes can give an indication of what you might expect – but that's nothing to bet your life on.

Similarly, make a point of avoiding ice that's formed over a current, or near a dam or beaver lodge – invariably it's weaker and not trustworthy. Also, remember that rain, mild spells, and warm winds, can impact conditions on a daily basis, changing everything.

Even when excellent ice is prevalent, it pays to be cautious. I was once fishing on Lake Simcoe when we narrowly averted an unmarked four-foot

by four-foot opening cut in the ice. We only saw this gaping hole when our ATVs missed it by inches. Needless to say, the situation could have been disastrous.

Never settle for less than four inches of clear, solid ice if you're walking; five inches if you're on a snowmobile; and twelve inches if you're driving a vehicle. Sure you can get away with less in each circumstance but these thicknesses provide a proven margin of safety; which is needed since ice thickness is not always consistent.

It pays to fish with a friend too. Then, when moving out onto uncharted waters walk a few yards apart, carry your gear on a toboggan, and test the ice by drilling holes or chipping at it with a spud every now and then. If you must fish alone, however, make sure someone knows your location and carry a cell phone.

Wear clothing designed to keep you dry and warm, boots that have good grip, and carry a pair of ice picks. It's also a prudent to have a blaze orange flotation suit, if within your budget. And a reliable fire starting kit can save the day after you've taken a soaker on an isolated lake. If possible, however, get back to your vehicle and utilize the heater as soon as possible.

When it comes snow machines, ATVs, or trucks on the ice, it's critical not to drive so that your speed outpaces your visibility. Fog, darkness, heavy snow, and whiteout conditions can all lead a vehicle astray – sometimes astray means into open water or weak ice, sometimes it means rock cuts, pressure cracks, or trees – none of it's good. When driving, be prepared to bail out quickly too – don't wear seat belts on the ice and be aware that a flotation suit might actually hinder escape from a vehicle.

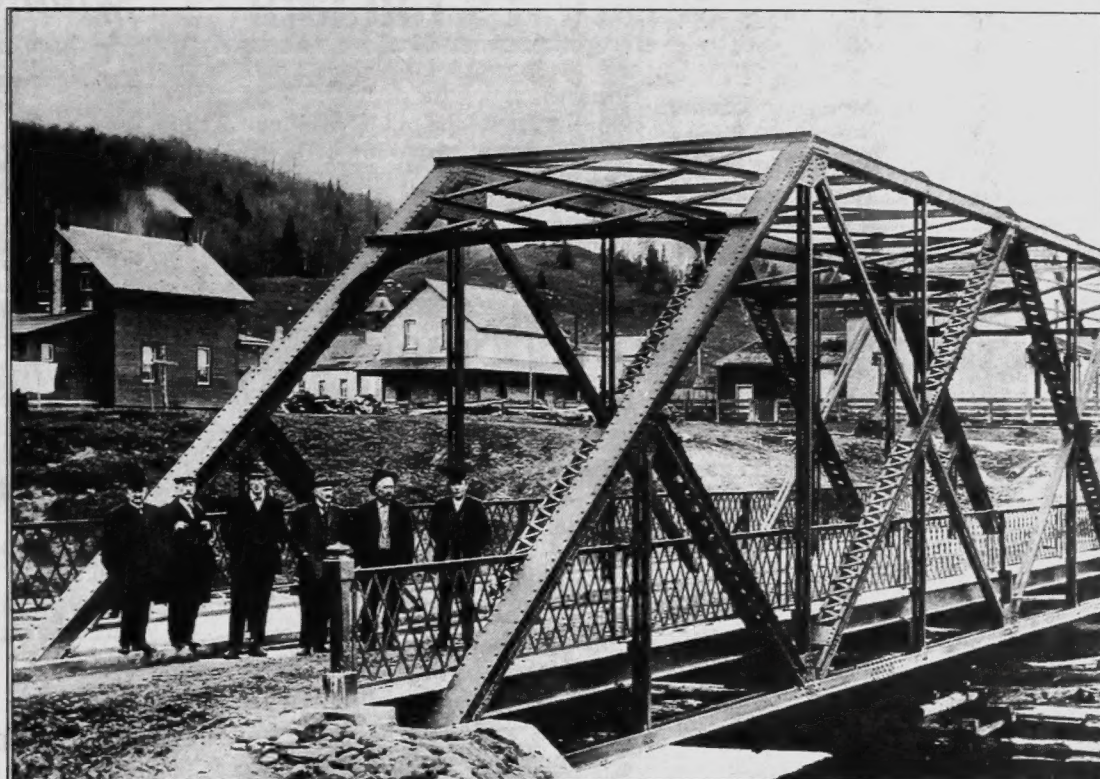
Finally, leave the alcoholic beverages at home. Their consumption promotes hypothermia and impairs judgment – two problems you just don't need. I know all this sounds overly cautious, but when you think about it, these precautions are a small price to pay for a safe day of ice fishing. Please utilize them – and have fun out there!

I can be reached at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com. Drop a note if the mood strikes.



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pic of the past

THE "BLACK BRIDGE" on Highland Street in Haliburton was erected in 1912. In the picture, members of the local council, from the left, Reeve William Laking, John Lucas, Henry Brohm, Daniel Gorrie, William "Curly Bill" Roberts and clerk George Potts view the latest improvement to the village. It was projects like this one that sparked the Dysart separatist movement, an organization of township ratepayers who resented seeing their tax dollars spent on village projects. This bridge across the Drag River was later replaced in the mid-1970s.

letters to the editor

We can't compromise on our local libraries

To the Editor:

My husband and I are great fans of the libraries, both in Wilberforce, our closest branch, and in Haliburton. We have been so impressed over many years by the librarians in both locations because they know their residents and are eager to help them find the books they would enjoy or need. This is a service that could not be duplicated in a large municipal library and it is an advantage of living in a smaller community. I interpret this to mean that reading and literacy in our small communities is encouraged and stimulated by these librarians. Surely this is an important role for our library system.

I can understand that the library board and the county has severe budget restraints but I do not hear them declaring that they must find a way to provide a service to all county residents and not just the ones who live in the two larger towns. I can also understand that keeping the libraries current and with good, up-to-date facilities is impor-

tant. There have been creative solutions to bring reading resources to small communities in other places surely and I urge the board to explore these. Maybe the libraries could be more proactive in attracting new members and letting people know what they offer.

While in my local branch one day, I happened to see a young mother bring her little boy in to get his first library card and pick up his first books. The librarian explained to him that he had to take care of the books and bring them back so he could borrow some more. So here was another person starting on a lifetime of reading, thanks to a local library, convenient to the community. This will not happen if the young mothers of Cardiff, Wilberforce, Highland Grove and Gooderham have to drive out of their community. We all know that inconvenience is one of the downsides of small communities but how can we compromise here on such an important issue?

See **Act** page 8

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



Act on libraries before it's too late

from page 7

I urge the residents of the entire county to make your views known to the library administrative office and to the library board. Please let them know that encouraging reading for all county residents is a big priority or should be. Whether you use the library or not, if you are a reader

take the time to think about the difference libraries make in people's lives. Talk about it, attend the public meetings, write or call but make this a huge publicly supported issue before it is too late.

Linda Clark
Wilberforce

Give these councillors a break

To the Editor:

With all the bad press and letters going into your paper about Highlands East, I would like to add mine.

On October 28, when my husband Max collapsed, I called 911 and within two minutes the fire department was here and within seven minutes the ambulance was here. Thanks to Reeve Dave Burton and our council, this was made possible by their efforts to have an ambulance in the area on weekends.

I am sure the people on South Wilberforce Road are glad the new bridge is open.

When our wells went dry thanks to the powers that be, who were repairing the dam on Dark Lake (still not done) they opened the arena for showers and brought in bottled water for our use.

I am not taking anything away from Keith Tallman and our previous council; they did what they could, when they could. My personal example was the

financial aid to keep the curling club open.

Please get off the backs of Highlands East council. Give Dave Burton, Jim Mackie, Suzanne Partridge, Donna Graham and Gary Stoughton a chance. Give them credit for what they have done for us and are trying to do.

It is not like it used to be with each ward having its own setup and individual needs. Now it is all one with many different needs still in each area. Give them more time and a chance. Rome wasn't built in a day. Yes, God created heaven and earth and all that is in it in six days but let's face it, these people aren't God so it may take a bit longer and some of us still won't be satisfied.

Pay increase? Yes! You could not pay me enough to take the verbal abuse those people take.

A proud taxpayer of Highlands East
Roberta Walsh
Wilberforce

Mining critics need to go back to school

To the Editor:

There seem to be a number of people in Haliburton County suffering from a syndrome popularly called NIMBY, or "Not In My Back Yard."

One set of this group surfaced when a paving company wanted to set up shop. This group was vociferous in attacking the pavers and ignored the protection which provincial government regulation over that industry affords the public. They wanted to drive on paved roads in Ontario just so long as the asphalt was not produced here.

Now another group of NIMBY people has surfaced with regard to possible mining in the area. In both the Bancroft and Haliburton these self-appointed guardians of the public good declare that any mining activity will pollute the air and poison the land. It is okay to mine uranium in Saskatchewan, they infer, but

not here.

Maybe they are not aware when they refer to out-dated industry practices that were prevalent 60 years ago and that today the mining industry is now likely the most regulated industrial enterprise in the country.

Not only is mining subject to the most rigorous environmental controls and permitting procedures, but each mine must have approved a comprehensive closure plan with deposited funds to pay for it, even before they put a shovel in the ground.

Haliburton has a dearth of jobs for residents seeking work. Modern mining which cleans up after itself and restores land to its previous state should be welcomed and the Chicken Little cries of the NIMBY people rightly ignored.

Michael Barnes, C.M.
Haliburton

Residents need serious answers from potential mine

To the Editor:

Any company investing \$3 million in uranium exploration wants a good return on its investment. Will a proportion of those profits be invested in perpetuity to monitor and manage the open pit or the tailings?

Mines are notorious for taking profits then surrendering their charters - literally dying - and leaving the cleanup for the taxpayers.

There has to be something in this operation for the locals, something more than a hole in the ground. What jobs are envisioned? Or will the labour be imported?

It's nice that Port Hope will benefit from our hole in the ground, but that centre is not exactly adjacent to Wilberforce. This means that on-site reduction will have to be considered, because it's cheaper to truck enriched ore than totally raw material. The company may want the business, but does Port Hope? I understand Port Hope residents have concerns about

contaminated land and residential houses leaking radon, a by-product of ore reduction.

And that road to Port Hope. What kind of a beating will it be taking from a steady stream of rock-filled trucks? Will the province have to upgrade the roads at taxpayers' expense?

In the good old days developers built their own railways, like the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa line, to move their commodity. Moving the loads off the rails and onto the roads raises concerns for safety. The highways are close to capacity now and moving millions of pounds of uranium will certainly tax their carrying capacity.

Can we have answers please? Development cannot be one-sided.

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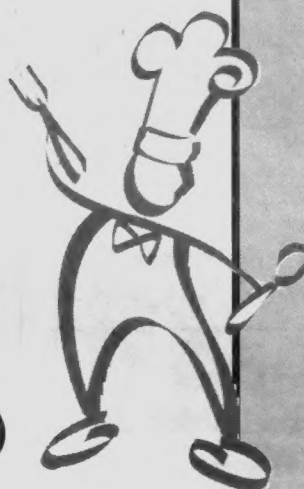
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Long-term forecast promising for Snowarama

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

On January 26 the Haliburton Rotary Club and Haliburton Forest will host the 2008 Snowarama, which helps raise money for the Easter Seals Society.

Poor snow conditions last year left organizers wondering if there would be enough snow to run the event. But with the early dumping of snow this year and a decent recovery from a day of rain, conditions for the end of January look promising.

With this, Rotarian and Snowarama co-ordinator David Zilstra expects to see between 50 and 60 riders participate. Snowarama, which has been successful for more than 30 years, gives snowmobile enthusiasts the opportunity to hit the trails for a day of fun while also raising money for children with physical disabilities.

Last year Haliburton County raised approximately \$16,500 and Haliburton

local Art Dawson raised just over \$9,000 of that total, Dawson was named one of the top provincial fundraisers last year.

"We're hoping to at least match that total again this year," says Zilstra. "And if there is anyone in need the money will stay in the county."

According to the Easter Seals Society it can cost a family as much as \$40,000 a year to raise a child with a severe physical disability and with the money raised for Easter Seals we would be helping to provide them with equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and accessibility ramps, which can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Each snowmobiler who raises \$175 in pledges will earn a free day on the trail, a free tank of gas courtesy of Thermoshell Minden, and a free lunch. Riders will also have a chance to win some great prizes.

For more information on how to pledge or ride, visit www.snowarama.org or call David Zilstra at 754-1781 or 457-1037.



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The Easter Seals Society and Snowarama have helped raise money for youth with physical disabilities for more than 30 years.

PeeWee hockey team prepares for playoffs

RODNEY SISSON

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm's PeeWee A team, sponsored by Floyd Hall Insurance and Haliburton TimBr Mart, have completed regular season play in the Muskoka-Parry Sound loop with a record of 11 wins and seven losses.

The team's final game was at home

against Port Carling where the Storm showed impressive offensive pressure and won the game by a score of 10-1.

The coaching staff of Wade MacInnes, Glenn Hall, Kim Hewitt, Jeff Hunter, and manager Nanci Hunter are now readying the team for the playoffs, which should start around mid-January with schedules to be announced.

Until then, the team will continue to see

some action through tournament and exhibition games, and will continue to work on their overall play as a group.

During the season, this team's efforts have been a display of both highs and lows, with consistency being the elusive key to their year-end success. Now with the play-offs upon them, it's time to pull together and work as a group and have a strong showing throughout the All-

Ontario play downs.

Good luck for the rest of the season boys. Work hard and work smart.

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The Highlands Summer Festival will be holding auditions on January 26 for roles in their 2008 summer productions of

The Foreigner by Larry Shue
Trying by Joanna Glass
Death Trap by Ira Levin

We are seeking 9 men playing ages from late teens to 60+ and 5 women playing ages from 18 to 60+.

Auditions will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Audition information packages may be obtained at Baubles n' Bon Bons in Haliburton or The Storeroom in Minden or by visiting the Festival website at www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca

For further information contact either David Mills at 705-754-2999 or Melissa Stephens at 705-457-9125



For the **tenth** year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank our Honourary Chairman for our 2007 "Reach for the Future" campaign, Dr. Bob Heyes and Dr. Dave Fiddler.

If you would like to help us "Reach for the Future" this Holiday Season, your gift can be sent to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or Box 30, Minden, ON K0M 2K0, you can deposit your gift in the donation boxes at the Minden and Haliburton Facilities, or you can donate online at www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm.



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Kelly Winder, right, treated her kids Hunter, 3, and Autumn, 1, to a day of tobogganing and laughs at the Victoria Street Public School over the holiday break. Below, five-year-old Ethan Glecoff joins in the fun by trying to pull Hunter back to the top of the hill, though Hunter seemed more interested in the snow beneath his sled.

Thrills on the hill

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Learning to ski

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The Haliburton Highlands Cross-Country Ski Club held jackrabbit and bunnyrabbit ski lessons on Saturday at Glebe Park, teaching children ages 4 to 12 how to ski.

At left, Megan Klose anticipates her next move while Chloe Samson looks on during a creative game of 'chicken tag'.

At right, four-year-old Anabelle Craig gets a helping hand - or two - while making her way through an obstacle course.

For more information on the lessons, which are held on Saturdays throughout the next few months, please contact program coordinator Jane Heyes at 457-1465 or email heyes@sympatico.ca.



Jordan Lapierre, 7, practises turning on skis.



Eli Samson uses his hands to get him started down a hill.

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OCOA wants public to practise safe ice fishing

Conservation Officers are responsible for protecting natural resources from abuse, as well as enforcing public safety

The winter of 2008 is shaping up to be one of the best in recent memory for those who enjoy ice fishing and snowmobiling, and hundreds of thousands of Ontarians will soon be trying their luck at their favourite fishing spot. The Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCOA) wants to help ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter on the province's lakes and rivers. As stewards of the environment, Conservation Officers (COs) are responsible for protecting the natural resources of Ontario from abuse, and are also actively involved in enforcing the public safety legislation that keeps us all safe as enjoy our great outdoors.

After two years of public consultations and the drafting of new laws, Ontario has a new set of sport fishing regulations in place effective January 1, 2008. In many parts of the province, the rules have changes significantly, with new seasons and catch limits designed to protect our fisheries for future generations of citizens to enjoy.

"COs will be out patrolling this winter, making sure that people are following the catch limits that protect our fisheries. There have been many changes to the rules for 2008, and I encourage everyone to pick up a copy of the new Regulations Summary and familiarize themselves with the new rules," says OCOA President Dan VanExan, a field Conservation Officer.

In addition to ensuring compliance with the fishing laws, COs will be focusing their enforcement efforts on the rules that relate directly to the safe enjoyment of a day on the ice. Officers will check for the wearing of proper helmets, and the possession of valid ownership and insurance for all persons operating snowmobiles or ATVs. In addition, they will be enforcing the Liquor Licence Act, making sure that public safety is not endangered by those who might consume liquor illegally on public lakes and trails.

The personal safety of anglers is also a concern for COs, who often are called upon to assist people who find themselves in dangerous situations in the outdoors. In most cases, these people could have prevented the problems they encountered by being better prepared and informed before leaving home. The OCOA offers the following advice to those planning a day of fishing: before heading out onto the ice, be sure to check local ice and weather conditions make sure you know your route of travel, and tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return carry basic rescue and survival equipment in your clothing, NOT in your pack or on your machine learn how to perform basic field maintenance of your equipment, and carry a simple tool kit.

"It is our hope that by educating the public and enforcing these important laws, we can help to make this a memorable ice fishing season," concludes VanExan.

Anyone with information about a natural resources or public safety related crime is encouraged to call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources violation reporting line at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667), contact their local CO directly, or call Crime Stoppers at 1800-222-TIPS (8477).

For more information about natural resources regulations and enforcement, please visit the OCOA website at www.ocoa.ca, or contact your local Conservation Officer.



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Conservation Officers will be patrolling lakes this winter, ensuring catch limits in order to protect our fisheries.



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2008 NEW BEGINNER CLASSES

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Haliburton United Church		January
Monday	9:30 – 11:00 am	21st
Monday	6:00 – 7:30 pm	21st
Thursday	9:30 – 11:00 am	24th
Thursday	6:00 – 7:30 pm	24th

Questions? Brenda Harvey 705-447-2148

MINDEN

Hyland Crest Auditorium		January
Monday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	14th
Tuesday	1:00 – 2:30 pm	15th
Thursday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	17th
Friday	9:30 – 11:00 am	18th

Questions? Call Amy Hogg 705-286-3615

WILBERFORCE

Maple View Residence:		January
Monday	1:00 – 2:30 pm	21st
Lloyd Watson Centre:		
Wednesday	1:00 – 2:30 pm	23rd

Questions? Call Michele 705-448-2392

2008 OPEN HOUSES

HALIBURTON

		January
Wed	6:00 pm	16th
Mon	9:30 am	21st

MINDEN

		January
Mon	7:00 pm	14th
Fri	9:30 am	18th

WILBERFORCE

		January
Weds	1:00 pm	16th

Wilberforce resident launches new project

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Celebrations to welcome in the New Year 2008 in this area were varied. There were private parties and family gatherings with games and even a bonfire as well as the annual dance at the Wilberforce Legion. The Harcourt Chapel's evening of worship, theatrics and refreshments was greatly enjoyed.

With all the Hughes' sons and their families home music was a big part of their celebrations. May there be love and laughter in all of our lives in this New Year.

Among other events well attended over the holiday season was the Carol Service at the Historic Essonville Church,

one of Haliburton County's special places. The Sunday evening December 23 event was greatly uplifting as voices were raised in praise. On the same evening after many hours of heavy rain and plenty of slush underfoot, the Harcourt Chapel finally had their Christmas Concert. It had been snowed out on the previous Sunday. How greatly weather can influence and control human plans and activities.

Shelley King called to let us know about a new project that will involve older residents. Shelley, who is coordinator of the "New Horizons for Seniors Project" for Community Care-Haliburton County, is looking for 14 seniors to participate in a fun and interactive project with the grade 5 and 6 students at the Wilberforce Elementary School.

Participating seniors and youth will work together to write and illustrate short stories from the childhood of the seniors. The stories and illustrations will be published as an anthology. The project will conclude with a theatrical adapta-

tion of those stories. Local artists will facilitate a series of workshops for the participating seniors and youth to guide them through the process of writing, illustrating and performing.

This project on "When We Were Young" begins near the end of January and will involve a number of Friday mid-day sessions, which will take place at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Things will wrap up the first week in May. To participate in this creative and educational event or for more information contact Shelley at 448-8889 or by email at info@rainbowconnection.ca. Sounds like another exciting way to increase interaction between seniors and children.

Best wishes are extended for improved health for several local ladies including Margaret Harrison, Ev Saxby, Bessie Godfrey and Dorothy Bebbington.

St. Margaret's Church has recently welcomed several guest preachers/leaders. Glenda Burke delivered the sermon on Sunday December 23 and was joined afterwards by Taylor Davies and Rebecca

Barras in singing "Away In A Manger." On Sunday, December 30 the Reverend Maggie Milne led the Communion service, preached the sermon and played the organ as well. Barbara Fawcett, who along with Glenda Burke is a Deacon-in-training, brought the message on Sunday, January 6. These women are always an uplifting presence at St. Margaret's.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild will hold its annual meeting on Monday January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Outpost Historic House. All interested people are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available after the activities and finances of 2007 have been reviewed.

Curling leagues are back on the ice at the local club after a recess over Christmas/New Years. The Wednesday Daytime League actually resumed on January 2. Many are looking forward to upcoming bonspiels. The first of the new year is the very popular mixed spiel on January 18 and 19. Want to enter a team? Call Melanie at (705) 448-2246 for more information.

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Course Number: ARTS 624
January 21-25
Elinor Whidden

Drawing - Sculpture

Course Number: ARTS 995
January 28-February 1
Charles O'Neil

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Course Number: ARTS new
February 4-8
Charles O'Neil

Sculpture Fabrication II (Wood, Plastic, Glass)

Course Number: ARTS new
February 11-15
Francis Muscat

Sculpture Fabrication III (Experimental)

Course Number: ARTS new
March 3-7
Paul Portelli and Faye Wilkinson

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Course Number: ARTS new
March 10-14
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Course Number: ARTS new
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John McKinnon

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Course Number: ARTS new
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Course Number: ARTS 629
April 7-11
Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore

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April 14-18
Paul Portelli

*(these courses are available to full-time students only)

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January 7-11
Susan Watson Ellis

Design - Jewellery

Course Number: ARTS 983
January 14-18
Paula Letki

Jewellery Fabrication I

Course Number: ARTS 531
January 21-25
Susan Watson Ellis

Art History VIII: Jewellery

Course Number: ARTS 526
January 28-February 1
Zahava Lambert

Jewellery Forming I

Course Number: ARTS 726
February 4-8
Jeffrey Ellis

Jewellery Drawing and Rendering

Course Number: ARTS 530
February 11-15
Paula Letki

Jewellery Casting I - Model Making

Course Number: ARTS 528
February 19-23
Michael Letki

Jewellery: Surface Decoration I

Course Number: ARTS 536
March 3-7
Valerie Davidson

Jewellery Fabrication II

Course Number: ARTS 532
March 10-14
Susan Butz

Jewellery: Surface Decoration II

Course Number: ARTS 537
March 17-20 (* 4 days)
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March 24-28
Jeffrey Ellis

Jewellery Fabrication III

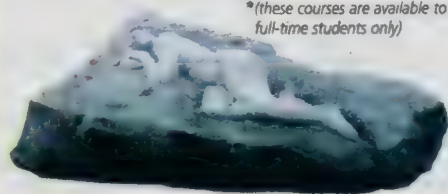
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April 14-18
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Join in the Ladies Auxiliary Sunday brunch

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Mel Smith
443-3940

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and had a safe and happy holiday. Santa Claus was good to my family and I.

New Year's Eve at Branch 624, was well attended. Everyone enjoyed bringing in the New Year with friends and family.

Our Branch rang in the New Year 2008, with their annual President Levee on January 1, in the afternoon, which was well attended. Branch 624 President Bruce Renee presided over the Levee that was enjoyed by all. Everyone thanks the Ladies Auxiliary for all their hard work and support through out the year. Please give them your support and come out to the Sunday Brunch. Next Sunday, January 13, is the second Sunday of the month and that is when the Ladies Auxiliary puts on its Sunday Brunch. The price for adults is \$6, children \$3: and children under 6 are free. The brunch runs from 9 a.m. until noon.

Congratulations goes out to a Gentleman named Mr. Bain who was the fortunate winner of the Delta

Pinestone Resort Lottery. I'm sure he and his guest enjoyed this fine facility.

Lest We Forget:

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Dot Bebbinton, who is in Peterborough Hospital.

There are Many Great Upcoming Events:

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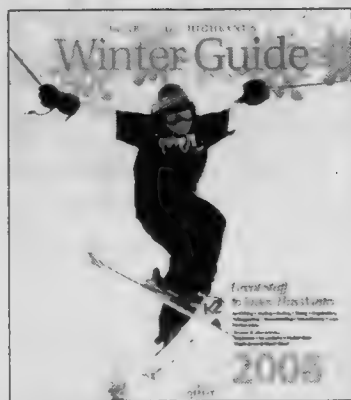
January 8: 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting.

January 9: 7:30 p.m. Open Darts.

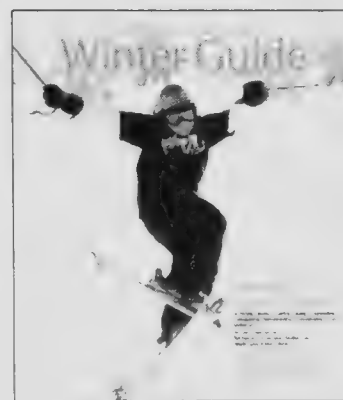
January 12: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw.

January 13: Sunday Brunch, 9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon).

As you can see there are many things going on at our Legion Branch, don't be shy come out and join us.



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Christmas has extended itself into its twelve days around here, with the Alan Cooper company a week ago and the nephew-from-Barrie company on Friday, Jan 4, with my sister June Campbell. Said company brought music with them in the person of Alan's daughter, Thomasin chording on piano and her brother

Philip on mandolin, tunes to their mother Sophy's guitar accompaniment. Scott Campbell's twins Ben and Isobel played piano for us and Ben his violin music. The gift of music has richly blessed us over the season, from Bill Giddon's choir rehearsal to our own family's songs.

We wish good recovery to Ron Davison as he returns from heart-related surgery, to Nicky Fletcher following appendectomy, and to Jim Hunt who has undergone heart-related surgery as well.

Gladys Kyle has recently moved to her Extencare residence and is reported to have set-

tled in happily.

Now on these duller days we're missing the delight of Holly's tree at Paul and Margo Sisson's all shining in its fall colourful glory and the spectacular beauty of the Morgan's Christmas lights. At least we can keep candles aglow indoors and defeat the darker days.

Kathleen entertained a company of twelve on Twelfth Night Jan 6th, just pleasant company and delectable food but a lovely time for all 12 of us. (When I mention Kathleen, it means my sister whose surname is Owens and when I mention Earl, it implies Cooper surname).

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1. Check operation of all lights and signals. Are headlights properly aimed and in good condition? Some headlights get "foggy" with age, scratches, or moisture.
2. Thoroughly clean inside of windows. Plastics used in car interiors slowly deteriorate and emit a gas that coats the inside of windows.
3. Change windshield wiper blades to "winter" type. Do not activate wipers on a frozen, snow-covered parked car, as the snow load/frozen wipers may ruin the wiper motor assembly.
4. Fill washer fluid with "winter" (at least -40 C) fluid. Keep extra jug of fluid in the car, and top-up before long journeys. Also keep a snow-brush/scraper in the car.

Keep your car reliable:

1. Getting started. Maintain your car battery in top condition. (Batteries typically last 3-5 years) Battery performance drops with temperature. For example: available power drops to 40 per cent of capacity at -18 C, and down to only 25% at -25 C. Batteries should be tested, and connections cleaned. *Note: Jump starting is potentially dangerous: A frozen/dead battery may explode if hooked to cables.
2. Never leave your car unattended while it warms up. It is an invitation to thieves!
3. Block heaters & car interior warmers can warm your car without theft risk, and environmental damage from idling.
4. Check your engine anti-freeze. Like engine oil, not only is the level important, the fluid itself should be tested. Over time, engine anti-freeze loses protection from freezing, and anti-corrosive properties. Old anti-freeze can reduce the effectiveness of your heater/defroster, or ultimately ruin your engine.
5. Keep your gas tank full. A full tank of fuel reduces condensation (water) inside the tank, which can freeze, cause corrosion, stalling, and no-start. If you run out of fuel on a cold night, or in a traffic jam you could be in danger.
6. Tires. Check tread depth and air pressure. Tire pressure drops 1 PSI for every one degree drop in temperature. Note: It is also highly recommended that you install four "winter" tires on your car (most "all season" tires do not perform well in winter conditions). Not only is the tread more suitable for snow, the rubber compound is also designed for cold temperatures and gives more "grip" on ice.
7. Change your engine oil. There are different grades of oil available. Check your owners manual. "Summer" oil is thicker, increases friction in a cold engine, may not flow to critical areas of the engine, and slows/overloads the starter.

Be prepared.

1. Dress for winter/weather. Make sure you have appropriate clothing

& footwear if you have to get out of your car. Many commuters are only dressed "for the office" and then risk frost-bite if they are involved in a collision.

2. Keep a "winter survival kit" in your car including blanket(s), flashlight, candle for warmth, chocolate bar(s), shovel, tow-rope, safety vest, etc.

3. Know where you are! Police, fire, ambulance, and tow companies get cell phone calls for help frequently when callers have no clue where they are.

4. If you do get stranded in snow. Make sure that your exhaust system is not blocked by snow, since this will force carbon monoxide into your car. Carbon monoxide is odourless, colourless and deadly. You could fall asleep...forever.

Driving

1. Leave increased stopping distance not just on snow and ice. Dried salt on roads can also make it more difficult to stop.

2. Remember that conditions change rapidly. Ice can form on bridges and overpasses even when temperatures are above freezing. Expect ice in shaded (trees, buildings) areas.

3. Some roads plowed better than others. Drive accordingly.

4. Speed limit is Maximum for good weather. Most winter crashes are "speed too fast" for conditions. Over half of those collisions involve single vehicles into ditches, rails etc.

5. If your car begins to slide or skid look at where you want to go. If you look at a tree/police car/big truck, odds are you will hit it!

And perhaps most importantly, remember that salt and de-icing technology is ineffective in extreme cold (below -18 degrees Celsius). Please keep that in mind when driving during extended cold periods.

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A historical adventure for the ages

community news

harcourt

Valerie Smith
443-3640

Happy New Year to everyone! It is that time of the year for reflection, assessment and planning. It is the time to set new priorities, goals and objectives. I wish you all the very best in 2008 as you craft resolutions to make these changes in your daily lives.

When setting personal goals and objectives, one never knows where they may lead. Justin

Donaldson of Harcourt can attest to this. Justin is a young man currently attending Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, where he is studying Historical Archaeology. Before going to Laurier he was a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. During his time at Hal High, he decided to take advantage of the opportunity to spend the month of July in London, England, and earn a credit in World History. He had always wondered what it would be like in other parts of the world and England had intrigued him since he first heard of Arthur and Guinevere.

The month flew by and it was nearing time to return home when the students were taken on a special visit to the mystifying 1,000 -year-old Stonehenge. The impact Stonehenge had upon him was extraordinary and, based in part on his own personal experience during that visit, "The Hounds of Salisbury" was born.

It was an awesome, inspiring experience that prompted Justin to spend the next four years of his life creating and critiquing his 500 page novel. Fragments of his own personality often surface on the pages of his fictitious journey back in time to the Iron Age where ruthless warriors battled it out.

Justin wanted The Hounds of Salisbury to be a historical adventure. He researched ancient Britain, focusing on combat, modes of dress, and weapons indicative of that era.

Justin struggled at times with his creation as he whittled his eight main characters down to four main characters. He just could not find a place for all of them. At times his story would lead in a direction that he was not happy with and he would backtrack and take it in another direction. He struggled when his publisher wanted him to drop a character he felt was weak. Justin had developed a deep friendship with the character and felt the fellow played a very supportive role for the main character. Justin remained true to his own convictions and kept the character.

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Justin Donaldson was so inspired by his visit to Stonehenge that he produced his own historical adventure. *The Hounds of Salisbury* was a personal goal which took him four years of his life to create.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Take notice that Haliburton County Council will be hosting two public meetings to provide information on the rationalization of library facilities within the County of Haliburton. Haliburton County Council at their August 29, 2007-meeting passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Haliburton County Council adopt the June 13, 2007-Haliburton County Public Library Board resolution that calls on the County to provide operational funding for only one library branch in each of the four municipalities effective with the 2009 fiscal year and that those municipalities with multiple branches advise the Library Board in 2008 of their plan to meet this requirement.

The public meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday January 29, 2008 at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre
2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce Ontario

Wednesday January 30, 2008 in the Auditorium at the Frost Centre Institute
20130 Highway 35, Township of Algonquin Highlands

An Open House will occur from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. both evenings with formal presentations from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in making a presentation at either public meeting is asked to contact Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. January 25, 2007

All presenters are requested to provide the County with a copy of their presentation at the public meeting.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2007

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
County of Haliburton
P.O. Box 399 Minden Ontario K0M 2K0
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twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca



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NOTICE

Landfill Tipping Fees and Charges

By-Law No. 2007-129 has been passed and is effective January 2008. The amendment applies to the tipping fees charged for the disposal of waste at our Municipal Landfill Sites.

Please note the amendments are as follows:

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- \$ 5.00 for all other items.

Mark Brohm,
Landfill Manager.

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Overall, Justin is very comfortable with his end product. He finds great pleasure from the experience he has gained preparing his book; and he will be overwhelmed if others enjoy his book as much as he has enjoyed writing it. He recommends that other young people create something like this.

Justin uses language typical of today's young people, thus making the book appealing to readers of both genders, ages 11 to 17. Personally, I am finding it very entertaining and do quite enjoy it.

For the most part the social context of Justin's story was created in his imagination. However, given there is no concrete evidence and stories were passed down by word of mouth only, Justin feels the events and characters in his story could have existed and taken place as he describes. Want to find out? Justin's book is available at Agnews General Store in Wilberforce or may be ordered through booksellers, or by contacting iUniverse at www.iuniverse.com, 1 800 288 4677.

Debbie Shatraw and the Harcourt Community Centre Bingo Committee extend a big thank-you to Craig and Nellie McDonald, owners of Wilberforce Foodland for their generous donations to the Christmas Bingo that was enjoyed by all.

Upcoming events in Harcourt:

January 9: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

January 10: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing euchre followed by a light social lunch. For more information call Mel or Valerie Smith at 448-3640.

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What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- Jan. 16: Friendship Club - Kindergarten - Gr. 3 at JHES from 3:30 - 5 pm. Please call Carol Browne at 457-4551
- Jan. 16: Beginner Taoist Tai Chi® starts Wednesday Jan 16, at 1:00 pm at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce and 6:00 p.m. at the United Church, Pine Street, Haliburton, both with a demonstration. Call Brenda at (705) 447-2148 to register. Note: The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a registered charity and all instructors are accredited and are volunteers.
- Jan. 19: Sacred Circle Dance - Saturday, Jan. 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Haliburton. All welcome to dance to theme GRATITUDE, no experience or partner is needed. Dances are meditative or playful and to music from various cultures. Bring Food Bank donations please. For more info, call Sharon 286 1940 or Lynn 286 4700.
- Jan. 19: The Minden Agricultural Society invites you to attend their General Meeting & Annual Dinner at the Minden United Church. Social Time 5:00 p.m. ~ Dinner 6:00 p.m., Tickets \$15.00. Call Maxine 286-2008 or Mary 854-0335. Special thanks to all our Volunteers who supported us and helped make the 2007 Haliburton County Fair a huge success.
- Jan. 21: Beginner Taoist Tai Chi® starts Monday Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the United Church, Pine Street, Haliburton with a demonstration. Call Brenda at (705) 447-2148
- Jan. 24: VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.

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- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+). Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults - offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Hoierness. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of accessing help without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7856.
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- Indoor Walking - Haliburton - Walk for your health! Inside the high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.
- Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.
- Living with Cancer - A Support Group meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month from 1-3 p.m. For info call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.
- Mac user group starting up! Anyone interested in meeting once a month please email HYPERLINK "mailto:haliburtondance@sympatico.ca" haliburtondance@sympatico.ca (in conjunction with HYPERLINK "mailto:macs@work" macs@work)
- Meals On Wheels - by Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously balanced frozen meals. Call 457-2941.
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- Ontario Early Years - Parents & children 0-6 years drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. - 12. Call 457-2989.
- Rails End Gallery - Tea At Three, every Wednesday at 3 p.m., 23 York St. Haliburton. A weekly discussion group for adults who like to talk about art. Call Laurie at 457-2330 for info.
- Rails End Gallery - Members' Open Studio, every Thursday, 1-3 p.m. informal time to paint/draw & commune with fellow artists. Call 457-2330 for cost & info.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br. 129 - Every Wed. night is Bingo night. Early Bird at 7:00 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Br. 636, holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- The Haliburton Highland Twirlers - a modern square dancing group, meets every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. in the gym at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. Call Bob Jackson, 457-2552.
- The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome. Contact Marian Gillanders, 489-3574, for information on meeting location.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- The Minden Women's Institute - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.
- TOPS - Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call: 489-3878.
- Skating - Moms & Tots Skating (Free) Wednesdays 10am-12pm. or, Adults Skate (\$1.00) Wednesdays Noon-2 pm, both held at the SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden.
- Security Check Phone Call - Community Care Haliburton County has volunteers to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. Call Judy at 457-2941.
- Weight Lifting for Mature Adults offered by Community Care - Every Tuesday - individual evaluations and individual programs designed by a Can-Fit Pro certified personal trainer. Call 457-2941 for information.

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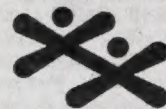
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CROFTS, Annie Beatrice "Bea" (Nee Sedgwick) - Passed away peacefully at her home in Haliburton, Ontario on Thursday, December 27, 2007. In her 94th year.

Beloved wife of the late William Alfred "Bill" Crofts (1998). Dear mother of Paul (deceased), Sandra Tatone (Domenic), Bill (Joanne), Michael (Lynn), Candice Devlin (Brian), Risa Martin, Lynne (Walter Posner) and Anthony. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and by her sister Eva Neville.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home.

Spring Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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HUGHES, Lorna Felice (Hunt, Nee Roberts) - Passed away peacefully at Sunrise of Aurora on Monday, December 31, 2007 in her 88th year. Predeceased by her first Husband, Maunsel Hunt in 1948, and also by her husband of 47 years, F. Norman Hughes in 2002.

Loved Mother of Children David Hunt Hughes and the late Linda Neufeld (David) and of step-children Judith, Mary Spafford (Jack deceased), Margaret LaCasse (Yoland), Libby Stratton (Brooke), and Donald (Margaret).

Caring Grandmother to John & Scott Spaford, Eric Jacqueline, Christine & Nadine LaCasse, Alan, Kevin & Beth Stratton, Jennifer & Kate Hughes, Amy, Adam & Allison Gaw, and Stephanie, Mark & Carolyn Neufeld. Great-grandmother to Nicholas, Danielle, Patrick, Liam, Sheldon, Tristan, Brady, Catherine, Madison and Christopher. Sister to Bunty Jewitt (Lorne).

Funeral Service to be held at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street Aurora on Friday, January 4, 2008 at 11:15 am. Visitation will take place the same day commencing at 10:30 am until the time of the Service. Private family interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

If Desired, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Anglican Church or to the charity of your choice.

Special thanks to the caring staff at Sunrise of Aurora and to the Paramed P.S.W. Team

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KIRKHAM, Marjorie Irene (nee Barratt) - Peacefully on Wednesday January 2, 2008 at the General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood in her 84th year. Marjorie of Wasaga Beach, beloved wife of Douglas for over 64 years. Loving mother of Sharon and her husband Monty Bloomfield, the late Donald and his wife Lynn and Robert and his wife Anne. Cherished grandmother of Barbara and Michelle Kirkham and proud great grandmother of Alyssa Conte. Survived by brother Robert Barratt and sisters Betty Feraday and Jeanne Shorey. The family wishes to thank the staff at the General & Marine Hospital and Dr. Michael Lewin for their care of Marjorie and her family. Private family arrangements. Remembrances to the General & Marine Hospital Foundation or the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements under the direction of **CARRUTHERS & DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME - Wasaga Beach Chapel** (1-888-429-8766).

MacLeod, Claire - Member of the Pritchard House, Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners and Rails End Gallery.

Passed away peacefully at the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe on Thursday, January 3, 2008. In her 83rd year.

Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Edward MacLeod. Dear mother of Heather and her husband John, Cathy and her husband Chris, John and his wife Rachel, Duncan and his wife Jan. Loving grandmother of Sarah, Jack, Sasha, Callum, Glynnis, Tommie and great grandmother of John. Fondly remembered by her many friends.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at the Bethel Cemetery, Minden. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion, Minden, Branch # 636.

Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers and Spinners or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Mom & Family

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Card of thanks

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The family of the late **Gloria McCormack** would like to thank family and friends for their support, care and prayer through Gloria's last days. Special thanks to the staff at Quinte Health Care Center; Gloria's friends and coworkers and Haliburton High School, Mike Daly, Steve Heathcock, the Bancroft Pentecostal Tabernacle, Donna Storey, Elaine Stagg, Sharon Masulka, Donna MacDonald, Dr. Heyes and Gloria's brothers and sisters. God bless you and keep you.

Reg McCormack and family

Deaths

Deaths



David J. Winder

(Formerly of Gooderham, Ontario)



At Lakeridge Health in Oshawa on Saturday morning, January 5, 2008 in his 67th year. Beloved husband of Marilyn Winder (Hunter) of Gooderham. Cherished son of Mabel and the late Harry Winder. Loving father of Troy (Barb), Pam (Gord) and Darryl (Kelly). Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Angelique, Rory, Kayla, Jessica, Brandon, Hunter and Autumn. Dear brother of Robert (Sandra), George (Griselda) and predeceased by his brother Ronald (Shirley). Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephew

Visitation & Memorial Mass

Family and friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, January 12 2008 from 1 o'clock until time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Rudolf (Rudy) Regehr

(Resident Of Haliburton, Ontario)



At his residence on Sunday evening, January 6, 2008 at the age of 63. Born in Coaldale, Alberta. Beloved husband of Mary Regehr (nee Koehn). Loving father of Charmaine (Mrs. David Bretzloff) of Haliburton and Natasha Regehr of Peterborough. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Nathan & Jocelyn. Dear brother of Theodore (Sylvia) of Calgary, John (Elsie) of Calgary and David (Hildie) of Gretna, Manitoba. Also remembered by his brother-in-law John Hildebrand of Carmen, Manitoba and his nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents and his sister Elizabeth

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday evening, January 10, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. Then to LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Park Street, Haliburton on Friday afternoon, January 11, 2008 for visitation from 2 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 3 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to The ALS Society of Canada or the Gideons Bible Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Penny Burchill

(April 8th 1958 - December 25, 2007)

She is survived by her beloved husband Peter Burchill, loving daughter Shanna Marie Quigley of Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon, her stepdaughter, Samantha Burchill of Dublin, Ireland, her loving parents, June and Robert White of Haliburton and her much loved sister, Lee Anna, niece, Becky and nephew, Alex of Innisfil. Penny is predeceased by her sister, Tina and her brother Robert John.

Visitation & Memorial Mass

Fr. John Lacey will celebrate a memorial Mass on Friday, January 11, 2008 at 11:00 am at ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH, Haliburton. Visitation will be held at St. Anthony Church from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Spring internment St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the "No Name Club", Castlereagh, Ireland, would be greatly appreciated by the family. These donations may be entrusted to June White or St. Anthony of Padua Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Barry "Lavern" Whitmore

(Resident Of Haliburton, Ontario)



At his residence on Friday afternoon, December 28, 2007 in his 41st year. Beloved son of Joan (Roger) Whitmore of Haliburton and Keith Whitmore of Marlbank. Loving brother of Danny (Leona), Penny (Kenneth), Cindy (Dan) and Lee. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and his many friends.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday evening, December 30, 2007 from 7-9 p.m. Then again on Monday morning, December 31, 2007 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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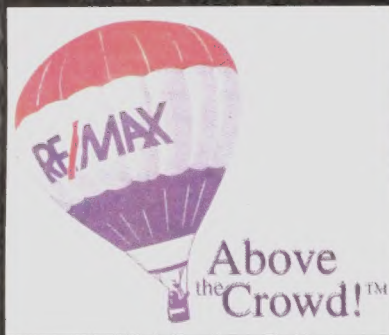
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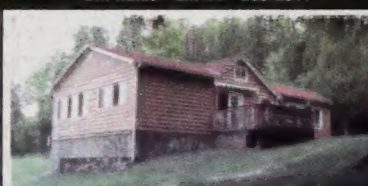
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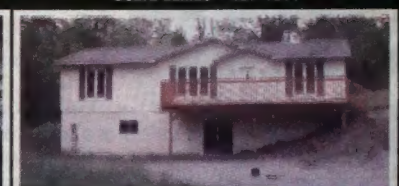
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